



Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Environmental Impact Statement

PYMIG Meeting
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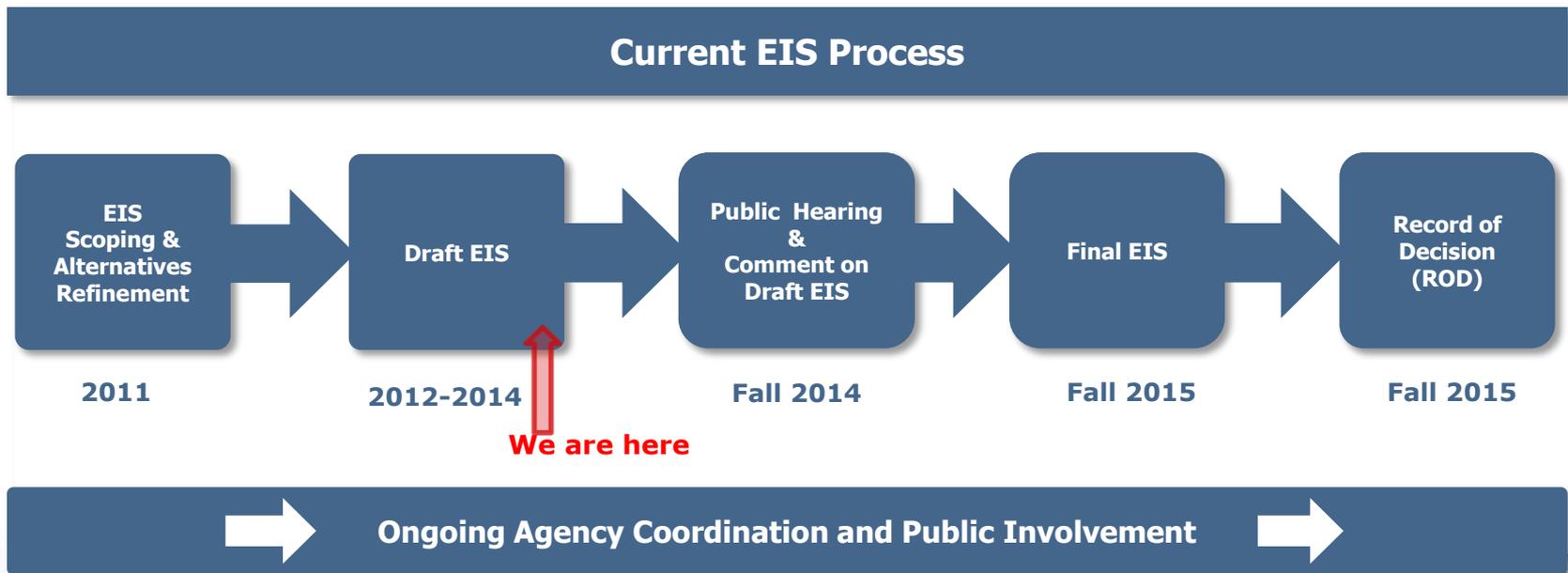


Agenda

- Welcome
- Status of Draft EIS
- Discussion of Alternatives
- Next Steps

Status of Draft EIS

- Recent meetings with federal partners
- Schedule



Visual Impacts to GWMP B-CSX Option



Visual Impacts to GWMP Alternative D



Key Issues

- Federal requirements in addition to NEPA
 - Section 404 of the Clean Water Act
 - Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966
 - Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
- Other key issues
 - Scenic Easement and NPS property
 - Development
 - Community impacts

Section 404

- Requires permit for discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands
- Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA) standard
- Must show:
 - Steps have been taken to avoid impacts
 - Potential impacts have been minimized
 - Compensation will be provided for all remaining unavoidable impacts

Section 4(f)

- DOT cannot approve use of land from public parks, recreational areas, wildlife/waterfowl refuges, or historic sites unless:
 - There is no feasible and prudent alternative
 - The action includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the property
- Section 4(f) does not apply when the property was jointly planned with a future transportation use

Section 106

- Requires Federal agencies to consider effects of project on historic properties
- If adverse effects are anticipated:
 - Must identify measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the effects

Key Issues Being Evaluated

| Issue | A | B |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Section 404 | | ✓ |
| Section 4(f) | ✓ | ✓ |
| Section 106 | ✓ | ✓ |
| Scenic Easement | | ✓ |
| NPS Fee Simple Property | | ✓ |
| Noise & Vibration Impacts | ✓ | ✓ |
| Visual Impacts | ✓ | ✓ |
| Construction Impacts | ✓ | ✓ |

Other Key Issues

- Development impacts
 - Potential to attract mixed-use development
- Regional transportation benefits
- Financial return

Next Steps

- Finalize financial analysis
- Refresh Draft EIS
- Release Draft EIS for public review and comment (Fall 2014)
- Choose Locally Preferred Alternative (January 2015)